

NEW JERSEY JUNIOR BREEDER PROGRAM

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Mission Statement

The New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund is looking to future generations of agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members to continue to advance the breeding of purebred livestock and the production quality of grade livestock. In doing so, we are offering loans to help agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members of the state carry out this goal.

SECTION I - APPLICANTS

1:1 ELIGIBILITY Applicants for loans must reside within the State of New Jersey and have adequate facilities for caring for the livestock. An applicant must be either a 4-H member or a student of agricultural education/FFA. Any active member of a 4-H club may apply for a loan.

1:2 MEMBERSHIP Every borrower who secures a loan from the New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund, Inc., becomes a member of the New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund. This membership continues for three years provided the borrower continues to own the original animal or animals or their progeny. Membership is terminated if a borrower reaches the maximum age limit for 4-H club membership or agricultural education/FFA membership.

All members of the New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund shall have equal standing. Those borrowers who join through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension shall remain under the supervision of the county 4-H agent or the county agricultural agent until their loans are

paid even though they enter agricultural education/FFA classes during this period. Agricultural education/FFA students shall likewise continue under the supervision of the agricultural teacher until their loans are paid even though they may also become members of the 4-H clubs. However, transfer of supervisory responsibility, in instances where projects are transferred from one program to the other, will be acceptable to the Fund provided it is approved by the club agent and teacher involved. In the event that such transfer is not approved by either party, renegotiation of the loan may be required.

1:3 APPLICATION All Applications for a loan shall be made to the county 4-H agent or to the borrower's agriculture education teacher. County 4-H agents and agricultural education/FFA teachers shall review loan applications very carefully. Borrowers and their families will be kept aware of their responsibilities to the Fund.

When an application for a loan has been approved and satisfactory livestock has been found, the following shall be submitted to the management of the Fund: the borrower's co-signed promissory note, application-recommendation-bill of sale form, and emergency fee. Upon receipt of these papers, the management will make payment to the seller. A copy of the registration papers should be on file with the loan papers.

The promissory note and emergency coverage shall date from the time of delivery of the livestock to the borrower. If livestock under the required minimum age is purchased, the emergency fee shall be dated as of the day when the minimum age is attained. All responsibility for the livestock in case of loss prior to the required minimum age will be borne by the borrower.

The full responsibility for payment of the loan rests upon the borrower, irrespective of the success of the project.

SECTION II - LOANS - GENERAL

2:1 AMOUNT The maximum amount that may be loaned is established for each type of loan. The total amount outstanding for any borrower, except in the case of steer loans, may not exceed an established maximum. The amount loaned may not exceed the price paid for livestock.

2:2 INTEREST Interest is payable annually at the rate established by the Trustees of the Fund.

SECTION III - LOANS - PUREBRED LIVESTOCK

3:1 GENERAL. Purchases may be made in New Jersey or neighboring states, within a reasonable distance of the borrower's home.

Unless unusual circumstances prevail in a particular case, no purchases shall be made from any member of the borrower's family. If such method of purchase is requested, all the facts of the case must be presented to the management of the Fund for a decision before negotiations are begun.

The term of the loan is specific for each project. If the livestock is sold or the borrower moves to a residence outside of the State prior to the due date of the borrower's promissory note, the loan must be paid in full.

Health standards, as required by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at the time of purchase, must be met.

3:2 DAIRY CATTLE In general, loans for the purchase of dairy animals are made for a period of two years. However, if such animals are under one year of age when purchased, the loan may be for three years with the provision that one-third shall be paid within two years.

The minimum age of dairy cattle at time of purchase is two months, and the maximum age is five years.

The dam of a dairy animal purchase must have made a good record on official test of DHIA. Exception may be made at the discretion of the management of the Fund provided good reason is shown.

3:3 BEEF CATTLE.

3:3:1 FEEDER CALVES. Loans for the purchase of feeder calves are made for a period of 18 months.

A borrower who has an outstanding loan or loans for a baby beef project may purchase a feeder calf or calves for the next year's project before the current year's animals are sold and indebtedness re-paid. The boy or girl may borrow an additional amount for a single feeder calf or an amount not exceeding the established limit for more than one calf.

3:3:2 BREEDING CATTLE Loans for the purchase of purebred beef cattle are made for a maximum period of three years with the provision that **one-third** of the loan shall be paid at the end of two years. The minimum age of beef cattle at time of purchase is six months, and the maximum age is five years.

Only females may be purchased unless approved by the management of the Fund.

3:4 SWINE Loans for the purchase of swine are made for a period of one year. The minimum age for pigs at time of purchase is ten weeks and the maximum age is two years.

3:5 SHEEP Loans for the purchase of purebred sheep are made for a period of two years. The minimum age for ewes at time of purchase is ten months and the maximum age is three years.

Loans for sheep will be granted only to applicants who have available a minimum of one-half acre pasture per sheep. Only ewes may be purchased unless approved by the management of the Fund.

3:6 POULTRY

3:6:1 POULTRY FOR EGG PRODUCTION: Poultry loans for egg production are made for a period of one year and may be for any of the standard breeds. The loan will be based on the rate per chick.

3:6:2 POULTRY FOR MEAT PRODUCTION: Loans for poultry for meat production are made for a period of six months and may be for any of the standard heavy breeds. Only day-old chicks may be purchased. The loan will be based on the rate per chick.

3:7 TURKEYS Turkey loans are made for a period of eight months and shall be for any of the standard breeds. Only day-old poults may be purchased. The loan will be based on the rate per poult.

Loans for turkeys will be granted only to applicants who have the necessary equipment to rear the birds properly in confinement.

3:8 GOATS Loans for the purchase of purebred goats are made for the period of two years. The minimum age for goats at time of purchase is one month and the maximum is three years.

3:9 EQUINE - Loans are made for the purchase of a registered New Jersey Bred mare, breeding fees to a New Jersey Bred stallion, or the purchase of a New Jersey Bred weanling or yearling. The recipient may also be required to show the animal at the New Jersey Bred All Breed Horse Show and/or state level youth shows.

SECTION IV - LOANS - AGRICULTURAL LOAN FUND

4:1 GENERAL This fund has been provided to assist projects other than purebred livestock. It may be used to assist any general type of production project.

4:2 GRADE SHEEP Loans for the purchase of grade sheep are made for a period of two years. The minimum age for sheep at the time of purchase is ten months and the maximum age is three years. If the loan value exceeds the prevailing market price, a written justification must be made and approved through the County 4-H Agent or Agricultural Education Teacher. Loans will be granted only to applicants who have available a minimum of one-half acre of pasture per sheep. Only females may be purchased.

4:3 FEEDER LAMBS Loans for feeder lambs are made for a period of six months. The lambs at time of purchase shall weigh 60 to 70 pounds and be medium thin. This loan shall be based on the prevailing rate per period. Loans will become due upon the sale of the animal.

4:4 CROSSBRED POULTRY Loans for crossbred poultry for egg and meat production will be made on the same basis as outlined for standard breed chicks in 3:6.

4:5 GRADE SWINE Loans for grade swine are made for a period of one year. At time of purchase the minimum age is ten weeks and the maximum age is two years. Only females may be purchased. The loan shall be based on the prevailing rate per pound. Loans will become due upon the sale of the animal.

4:6 FEEDER PIGS Loans for feeder pigs are made for a period of six months. The minimum age at time of purchase is ten weeks and the maximum age is sixteen weeks. At time of purchase pigs should weigh a minimum of 40 pounds. The loan shall be based on the prevailing rate per pound. Loans will become due upon the sale of the animal.

4:7 OTHER LIVESTOCK - Loans for other livestock will be made on a case by case basis. This may include the purchase of geldings (equine) if funding is available.

SECTION V - EMERGENCY FUND

5:1 GENERAL The Emergency Fund provides a means for indemnifying New Jersey Junior Breeders Fund in the event of loss of their animal by death from disease, accident or fire.

Should a calf prove to be a non-breeder, the borrower will pay one-half of the salvage value to the Fund. This will be accepted as full payment of the loan.

Whenever Federal, State or municipal statutes provides indemnification for loss from disease or destruction by dogs or predatory animals, such indemnification will be accepted as full payment of the loan. The member will retain any salvage value. The member will receive any indemnification in excess of the loan.

All emergency coverage is terminated when the member sells his livestock or moves from the State of New Jersey.

5:2 PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY CLAIMS Members incurring losses where indemnification provided by the Emergency Fund it will use the following procedures to expedite settlement:

5:2:1 LIVESTOCK: INJURED, DISEASED, DEAD. Notify the Fund and dispose of animal as directed. Submit the following to the Fund:

- A. Statement of facts from attending veterinarian.
- B. Statement from county 4-H agent or agricultural education/FFA teacher requesting emergency coverage.
- C. Purebred registration certification (when applicable).
- D. All indemnification received from government agencies (if any).

5:2:2 NON-BREEDING DAIRY ANIMALS. Notify the Fund and dispose of animals as directed. Submit the following to the Fund:

- A. Statement of facts from attending veterinarian.
- B. Statement from county 4-H agent or agricultural education/FFA teacher requesting emergency fund coverage.
- C. Purebred registration certification (when applicable).
- D. Pay one-half salvage value received to the New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund, Inc.

5:2:3 GENERAL. In cases where the original loan on an animal does not exceed \$50, the Fund may waive the request for a veterinarian's statement upon request of the borrower.

In all emergency claim cases, immediate notice to the Fund, preferably by telephone, is required.

When all items are received by the management of the Fund, settlement will be made with the borrower as provided by the rules of the Emergency Fund.

If more than one animal is included in the loan contract, reimbursement for loss will be proportionate to the value of the individuals at the time of purchase.

Any payments made on a loan prior to an emergency claim will be returned to the borrower, less interest, on settlement of the claim.

**THE NEW JERSEY JUNIOR BREEDERS' FUND, INC.
BY-LAWS
(as of August 22, 2007)**

Article I

NAME. This non-profit corporation shall be known as "The New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund, Inc."

Article II

PURPOSE. This corporation is formed for the purpose of offering encouragement to boys and girls by enabling them to purchase purebred livestock, and to aid in the development of the purebred livestock industry.

Article III

ELIGIBILITY. Applicants for loans must reside within the State of New Jersey, have adequate facilities for caring for the livestock to be purchased, and show an earnestness of purpose and sense of responsibility.

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP. Every borrower who secures a loan from the New Jersey Junior Breeders' Fund, Inc. becomes a member of the New Jersey Junior Breeders'. This membership continues for three years, provided the borrower continues to own the original animal or animals of their progeny. Membership is terminated if the borrower reaches the maximum age limit for 4-H membership or agricultural education/FFA instruction. All members of the New Jersey Junior Breeders' shall have equal standing.

Article V

LOANS. The Trustees of the Fund may establish rules and regulations for the granting of loans including amounts, rate of interest, eligibility, procedures, terms, forms, types of loans, and all other matters pertinent to the granting of loans.

Article VI

EMERGENCY FUND. The Trustees of the Fund may establish an Emergency Fund as a means of indemnifying New Jersey Junior Breeders in the event of loss involving livestock purchased through the Fund. The Trustees may establish rules and regulations for the operation of the Emergency Fund including eligibility, fees, coverage, reimbursement and all other matters pertinent to the operation of such fund.

Article VII

INCOME. Income may be used to supplement the emergency fund, , to encourage better breeding and livestock management, to pay incidental expenses, and for any other desirable purpose in connection with the operation of the Fund.

Article VIII

ADMINISTRATION. The Fund shall be administered by nine Trustees, eight of whom shall be members of the State Board of Agriculture, and the other, the Secretary of Agriculture.

Article IX

OFFICERS. The officers of the Fund shall be: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and assistant secretary-treasurer. They shall be elected annually. The Secretary of Agriculture shall serve as secretary-treasurer of the Fund.

Article X

DUTIES OF TRUSTEES. Five of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the regular business of the Fund. The president, or in his absence, the vice-president, shall preside. The Trustees may adopt such by-laws as in their judgment are appropriate for the proper administration of the affairs of the Fund.

Article XI

MEETINGS. The president or a majority of the Trustees may call a meeting of the Board of Trustees whenever, in his or their judgment, such a meeting is desirable or necessary.

Article XII

DUTIES OF SECRETARY-TREASURER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER. The secretary-treasurer or the assistant secretary-treasurer shall act as administrative officer; receive all moneys belonging to the Fund; keep a correct amount of all moneys received and expended, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Trustees; issue checks, pay all bills; submit a trail balance, together with a list of delinquent accounts to Trustees at directed intervals; and have authority to purchase or sell government securities, and to transact other necessary business in carrying out the purpose of the Fund.

Article XIII

RECORDS. The secretary-treasurer, or the assistant secretary-treasurer, or their designated representative, shall record the proceedings of the Trustees; issue notices; make all written communications directed by the Trustees; have charge of all documents and records; conduct the correspondence; prepare reports; and preserve copies of all communications.

Article XIV

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS. These by-laws may be amended or altered in any regular meeting of the Trustees by a vote of the majority.

Article XV

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Trustees shall establish a scholarship to aid future generations of agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members and to continue to advance the breeding of purebred livestock and the production quality of grade livestock.

A. Scholarships per project year will be offered to students in grades 9 and up who meet the following criteria

1. Any 4-H or Agricultural Education student grades 9 and up

a. **4-H Member in Good Standing**

1. Must be enrolled in a 4-H project by January 1 of the calendar year

2. Must attend at least 70% of regular functions
3. Must complete the loan in the appropriate time frame with no late payments
4. Must participate in one public presentation
5. Must be responsible for the physical care & training of an animal
6. Must exhibit the animal

b. **FFA member in good standing**

1. Must pay their annual dues by January 31 of the calendar year
2. Must complete the loan in the appropriate time frame with no late payments
3. Must complete a project record book to be reviewed by NJDA.

2. A completed application and completed project record book must be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture by December 1 of each calendar year
 - a. Record books will be returned.

3. The winner will be drawn by lottery from all eligible applications with completed project record books.

B. A maximum of five (5) \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds will be offered to students in grades 6 – 8 who meet the following criteria:

1. Any 4-H or Agricultural Education student grades 6 through 8

a. **4-H Member in Good Standing**

1. Must be enrolled in a 4-H project by January 1 of the calendar year
2. Must attend at least 70% of regular functions
3. Must complete the loan in the appropriate time frame with no late payments
4. Must participate in one public presentation
5. Must be responsible for the physical care & training of an animal
6. Must exhibit the animal

b. **FFA member in good standing**

1. Must pay their annual dues by January 31 of the calendar year
2. Must complete the loan in the appropriate time frame with no late payments
3. Must complete a project record book to be reviewed by NJDA.

2. A completed application and completed project record book must be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture by December 1 of each calendar year
 - a. Record books will be returned.

3. The winners will be drawn by lottery from all eligible applications with completed project record books.

C. A student can obtain one scholarship from the fund for each of the two age categories (one during grades 6 through 8 and one during grades 9 and up.)

Article XVI

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. The Trustees may host an educational training program each year to aid future generations of agricultural education/FFA students and 4-H members and to continue to advance the breeding of purebred livestock and the production quality of grade livestock. These programs may include classroom and hand-on workshops and skill building contests.

Article XVII

LIVESTOCK PENS. The Trustees may purchase livestock pens and cages that will be capable of holding, goats, small ruminants, cavi, poultry and other small livestock. These pens shall be used for youth development participants at any approved agricultural event or fair held within the State of New Jersey.